



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Brian Arnold

Art Unit : 1772

Serial No. : 09/869,451

Examiner : Patricia L. Nordmeyer

Filed : June 27, 2001

Title : SHOE STIFFENER, MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR MAKING SAME
AND METHOD OF INCORPORATING A SHOE STIFFENER INTO A SHOE
UPPER COMPONENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed May 2, 2002, applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 18-33) drawn to the embodiment of a material suitable for use in the manufacture of a shoe stiffener. The election is made without traverse. A request for an appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 6/04/02

Laurie Butler Lawrence
Reg. No. 46,593

Fish & Richardson P.C.
225 Franklin Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2804
Telephone: (617) 542-5070
Facsimile: (617) 542-8906

20446351.doc

COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

RECEIVED
JUN 25 2002
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1700

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

June 4, 2002

Date of Deposit

Signature

Roberta L. Hahn

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate